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1. [] - JGO) Talked to Mr. John Clarke, OPF'B, who told me that Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, had called and requested the budget figures for the Radios (RFE/RL) for each of the last five years. The figures are being supplied for the Chairman's information.

2. (Confidential - JGO) Received a call from Mr. George Lowrance, Special Assistant to Senator Lloyd Bentsen (D., Texas), inquiring as to the status of Senator Bentsen's request to review the Agency rules implementing Executive Order 10501, relating to the safeguarding of official information in the interest of the defense of the United States. I told Mr. Lowrance that request had been made for authority to show a copy of the pertinent Agency regulations to him or whoever the Senator designates on the staff for review and immediate return to the Agency. I also told him there was hope that authority would be granted late in the day or tomorrow.

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4. [] JMM) In the absence of Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel and Staff Director, Senate Armed Services Committee, I provided Jack Ticer, of the Committee staff, with the figures Braswell had requested regarding costs of FY 72 Agency and associated DOD programs in Laos. I also briefed Ticer on two major Soviet space failures.

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5. (Secret - JMM) Briefed Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, on two major failures in the Soviet space program and the promising initial performance of a sensitive Agency project.

I provided Woodruff with a breakdown of the figures for operations involving the Agency in Laos for FY 72 - both our own operations and those financed by DOD.

In discussing Chairman Ellender's plans for the community Defense budget, Woodruff commented that the testimony of Admiral Gayler in defense of NSA has not gone over at all well. He said Chairman Ellender remained determined to make substantial cuts in the budgets of NSA and DIA and estimated that these cuts might approximate \$400 million.

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6. (Secret - JMM) Briefed Ralph Preston, of the House Appropriations Committee staff, on two recent Soviet space failures and promising initial performance of a sensitive Agency project.

In response to my question, Preston said he thought the House would welcome, and follow along with, major cuts in the community Defense budget advocated by Senator Ellender.

7. (Secret - JMM) Met with Senator Peter Dominick (R., Colo.) of the Agency's Armed Services Subcommittee, and briefed him on two recent Soviet space failures and status of Soviet ICBM silos.

8. (Secret - JMM) Briefed Russ Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, on two recent Soviet space failures and promising initial performance of a sensitive Agency project.

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